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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR KENYA

1. HEAD OF EAST AFRICA DEPARTMENT AT FCO, EWANS, TOLD EMBOFF AND AF POLITICAL MILITARY ADVISER ANDEREGG ON FEBRUARY 24, THAT KENYAN MINISTER OF FINANCE KIBAKI HAD SUMMONED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER NAIROBI LAST WEEK AND ASKED WHETHER BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO FINANCE KENYAN ARMS PURCHASES. BRITISH WERE TAKEN ABACK, AS THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO KENYANS THAT BEST THEY COULD DO ON FINANCING WOULD BE TO OBTAIN BEST AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL TERMS.

2. EWANS ALSO COMMENTED THAT BRITISH FEAR THEY ARE MAKING LITTLE HEADWAY IN INTERSTING KENYANS IN SEEKING ARMS ASSISTANCE FROM IRANIANS. BRITISH FEEL REASON IS KENYANS WOULD RATHER CONTINUE DEALING WITH BRITISH, AND DO NOT FEEL SECURE WITH IRANIANS.

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